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THE GRAIL DANCE.

The thorough democratizing of the dances at the University has begun. These proposed dances are not to be held for the sake of dances—but held for the masses of men in University life.

Social life is essentially exclusive. This has been true in the social activities of students here at the University. Frequently the man without money, or without a family backing, or without a certain amount of tact and "Guts" has simply been denied any opportunity here for social development. No man has denied him—no group has denied him, deliberately. Rather it has been because of the things that inhere—the very nature of our social activities that has prevented him any opportunity for growth here.

Now the Grail, an organization that is composed largely of men who have had all the social opportunities here, and with some few others who have not, has interested itself in helping to get under way a series of dances to which everyone in the University will go. Arrangements have been made so that these dances can be given at frequent intervals during the balance of the college year, and at tremendously low prices to those who attend.

It is a "to him that hath shall be given, and to him that hath not shall be taken" situation. Those men who have not had opportunity in the way of social development here have been in a position that it was well nigh impossible to start to better their situation. Others, who were not in that situation, have realized it. And these men are starting out to help better a situation that could hardly better itself.

This is a new thing. It is a wonderful demonstration of a fine spirit, and a deep interest and determination to see the best in University life thoroughly completes itself.

We believe that it is one of the finest things that has happened here in quite a while, and we hope that the University community will support the Grail in its efforts to really do something for us. By the end of this year we shall be able to see where we are going with this scheme of holding general dances.

FACT AND COMMENT

At a meeting of the literary fraternity of Sigma Upsilon held on last Sunday night Garland Porter read an original short-story, John Terry read a play, entitled: "The Reaping," which will be among those from which the spring plays for production by the Carolina Playmakers will be selected. The fraternity went on record as unanimously favoring the production of the play in the next series.

Opening the Inter-Fraternity basketball season the Sigma Alpha Epsilons succeeded in defeating the Kappa Alphas by the score of 27-9 Tuesday night. The game was characterized by early season form but both teams played remarkably well considering the fact that it was the first time they had gotten together.

STUDENT FORUM

THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET

Four years of unprecedented prosperity and the consequent increase in students have opened the eyes of Educators to the need of a better equipped State University. The past three months have shown that the wave of prosperity is over.

The cotton market is demoralized, and the bottom has fallen out of the tobacco market. It has hit the people unexpectedly and they were not prepared. State taxes during this period had become heavier, and at this critical time it is necessary to reduce them to a minimum.

In the midst of this depression the University asks for the Five Million Dollars for a five year program. When this is criticized as being too large to be submitted the present economic crisis, the answer comes to make it in a bond issue and let it be paid for in the future. This is a good idea at an opportune time, but is the present moment opportune? The people will have to buy the bonds now, when they are hard pressed, and this cannot be expected. No matter how progressive a man may be he cannot sacrifice his own welfare.

Many active supporters see the question in this light, but there are a great number who still believe the State and the Legislature are not behind the University. The conditions here have been overcome, and with a much smaller appropriation can be surmounted for a year or two. By that time the general depression period will be over, and the State will be on the road to prosperity. Then the champions of the University will realize their fondest dreams. Let us not feel disheartened by the present cut in the University budget. The Legislature is aware of its needs, but it realizes the responsibility which rests upon its shoulders, and does not feel that this is the opportune moment for a large expenditure. When the time comes, though it will do its part in making this the greatest as well as the oldest State University.

FRESHMEN DEFEAT OAK RIDGE IN FIRST GAME

Coach Billy Carmichael's Freshmen got away to a good start Saturday night when they snowed under the aggregation from Oak Ridge 47 to 27. The whole freshman team worked well and shot goals with such deadly accuracy that during the second half scarcely an opportunity at the basket was wasted. Especially is this true of Green in handling his foul shots. Oak Ridge played well for a Prep team outfit, but was no match for the Freshmen, who worked together and put such an excellent game during the second period, that they might easily have been mistaken for a well organized college varsity quint.

The Statesville Alumni held a meeting last week and passed a resolution favoring the state-wide educational program.

PATCHED PANTS NO LONGER IN STYLE

President Taylor Recommends Some Change in Intercollegiate System Now in Vogue.

"It is no longer fashionable to do hard honest consistent work, to economize and to wear patched pants, but rather nowadays it is the height of distinction to go around with a half dozen pins and badges stuck in the lower left hand corner of your vest," said Tyre C. Taylor in his inaugural speech on his induction into the office of president of the Di Society last Saturday night, January 15th. President Taylor urged the members of the Society to turn from pleasures of the Yuletide season to measure up to their duties and responsibilities as the leaders of the State of the future. To fulfill to the fullest extent of service the responsibilities of tomorrow President Taylor said that the Di Society affords the best place to prepare for that service. Here, he said, in the Di Hall is the best chance to get a grasp on the principles of citizenship. He called upon the Society members to get back to the simple processes of living of our fathers.

President Taylor recommended two things to the Society: First, that the president be empowered by the Society to appoint a committee to confer with officials of the University to the end that the University pay the expenses of the Intercollegiate Debates, as the debaters represent the University and not merely the Societies. Second, that the Society have a smoker in the immediate future.

President Taylor paid eloquent tribute to the ability of W. H. Bobbitt the retiring President saying that in his opinion Mr. Bobbitt has been the best administrator that the Society has ever had since he has been in college. To the able administration of Bobbitt he attributed the sound condition that the Society is in at present.

Hugh McAuley was admitted to membership by the Society but because of his absence was not initiated.

MULE RACE FEATURE RACING SEASON HERE

Pandemonium Reigned When This Twentieth Century Innovation Flew Down the Boulevard.

Lo, the winter racing season has opened in Chapel Hill!

Havre de Grace, Havana and the Kentucky Derby do not hold a candle beside the features of this great event. At those places not only mere horses participate, while at Chapel Hill (noted for its unconventional departures) mules have superseded horses. Some may say that they have seen such occurrences, before, but we wager that a race of six pedigreed mules, three abreast, and the remaining three's heads tied to their leaders' tails, is unparalleled and distinctly original in racing circles.

Pandemonium reigned when this twentieth century innovation came flying down the boulevard. Barbers slashed their subjects and several people swallowed their quids in the ensuing excitement. Children thought that a circus had arrived and that this was a parade. A crowd gathered to learn the cause of this mulish outburst, and many explanations were offered. But alas, their imaginations received a shock when the facts of the case were disclosed.

It was merely a trader passing through town, with a bunch of mules to sell, who for convenience's sake had tied them together in the aforementioned manner. The mules' tails were bound in the most approved race horse fashion and it looked as if Vanderbilt was bringing the prime of his stables to our metropolis. The resemblance of certain of the mules to famous thoroughbreds was immediately seen by several of Chapel Hill's most prominent turfmen. When the truth was learned, however, they quietly retired from the scene of discussion.

Anyhow, it reminded people of the good old days when Kentucky colonels, with broad brimmed hats and fat cigars, sipped mint juleps on the hotel veranda, or drank to the health of their favorite horse. When Tin Brook beat Molly "By the foam on the bit" and "Monticello" was the password of the bar. Though no great stakes were won or lost on this unpremeditated derby, Chapel Hill will not be caught napping next time, and then—Look Out!

Over ten thousand students in Ohio colleges and universities voted on the dry issue in the November election in that state.

COMMITTEE CHOOSES PLAYMAKER'S CASTS

Characters For Three Plays to Be Soon Presented Picked at Recent Tryouts.

At the recent tryouts for characters in the plays to be produced by the Carolina Playmakers on an early date, the casting committee decided that Miss Dorothy Greenlaw, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Greenlaw of the University faculty, will play the leading part in the one act play written by Bill Royall entitled: "The Vamp." Miss Greenlaw will play the part of the vamp, and will be assisted by Miss Mary Yellott as Verna, Miss Marion Crawford as Martha, Mr. Bill Royall as Professor Dobson, and numerous other students. "The Vamp" is a play dealing with the social and fraternity life of a college campus, and is thoroughly original in that it is the first of its kind ever produced by the Carolina Playmakers. Other plays to be produced at the same time are "The Miser" and "The Old Man of Edenton" both of which are by Mr. Paul E. Green. "The Miser" is a tragedy of farm life while "The Old Man of Edenton" is a melodrama. In "The Miser" Mr. Combs will play the part of "The Miser," while in the "Old Man of Edenton" Mr. George Denny will play as the old man. The characters were chosen by the cast committee composed of Mr. C. M. Baker, chairman, Professors, McKie, Howell, McMillan, Misses Lay and Love, and Mrs. Leavitt. The dates for the production of the plays have been set for Friday and Saturday, 11 and 12 of February, at the Playhouse in Chapel Hill. A full list of the casts for the separate plays follows:

The "Vamp."
Mildred Mason (the Vamp)—Miss Dorothy Greenlaw.
Verna—Miss Mary Yellott.
Martha—Miss Marion Crawford.
Professor Dobson—Mr. Bill Royall.
Scott—Mr. W. W. Hook.
Sam Dixon—Mr. T. Parker.
Junius Young—Mr. Tom Moore.
Ben Johnson—Mr. John Shaw.
Max Jordan—Mr. Allan Wright.
Fatty Armstrong—Mr. McNair Smith.

The "Miser."
The Miser—Mr. Combs.
Tim—Mr. L. P. Williams.
Perry—Mr. Greenwood.
Ida—Miss Batts.

"The Old Man of Edenton."
The Old Man—Mr. George Denny.
The Minister—
Mumbo—Mr. Haronian.
The Constable—Mr. LeGrand Everett.
The Notary—Mr. A. C. Howell.

WHEELER WRITES IN CHEMISTRY JOURNAL

A paper which has attracted unusual attention in the scientific world is one by Dr. A. S. Wheeler, of the department of chemistry, entitled Para Cymene as a Solvent, and published in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, in September. The cymene concerning which the article is written was obtained from spruce turpentine, which in turn, is a by-product in paper making. The solubilities of many organic compounds in cymene were worked out quantitatively, and certain suggestions were made for the use of cymene in the industries and in research laboratories. Dr. Wheeler was assisted in the work which was made the basis of the paper by T. P. Dawson, J. S. Murray, R. H. Sawyer and H. M. Taylor.

WILLIAMS DISCOVERS FAMILY IN BAD FIX

Father dead, mother ill, five small children without food is the plight of a family that C. J. Williams found two miles from Chapel Hill, last Sunday, January 9th.

C. J. Williams last Sunday went out in the country two miles to teach a rural Sunday school. While there he happened to hear of the plight that one of the neighboring families was in and he started out to investigate. Upon arriving at the house he found that the head of the house had recently died and that the mother of five small children was ill in bed and could do nothing to alleviate the hunger of her children.

The King's Daughters are helping to better their situation and the Y. M. C. A. is helping them.

If there are any students in the University that feel that they would like to help such a needy family they may do so by getting in touch with the Y. M. C. A.

HALF BACK JOHNSON ENTERS UNIVERSITY

Carolina gridiron enthusiasts will be glad to know that Wilfred I. Johnston of Charlotte, experienced football player and all-round athlete, has registered in the University. Johnston has had wide experience on the gridiron, and is considered to be one of the best half backs that the State has ever produced. Fishburne was the seat of his prep school career, where he made a letter in the three major sports—baseball, football and basketball. He has played two years of college football, having played at Davidson during the year 1919-1920, and at N. C. State during the past Fall. The addition of his strength to the Carolina varsity back field next Fall will bring cheer to the hearts of the Carolina alumni and well-wishers.

With acknowledgments to K. C. B.

This ghost was a 1921 model



LAST MONTH, on a bet,
WITH THE boys up home,
I SPENT a night,
ALONE IN the old,
HAUNTED HOUSE,
AND WHEN I heard,
MOANS AND groans,
I SAID "The wind,"
AND TRIED to sleep,
I HEARD rappings,
AND SAID "Rats,"
AND ROLLED over,
THEN I heard steps,
AND IN the light,
OF A dying moon,
A WHITE spook rose,
I WASN'T scared—much,
BUT DIDN'T feel like,
STARTING ANYTHING,
BUT THEN I caught,
JUST A faint whiff,
OF A familiar
AND DELICIOUS smell,
WHICH TIPPED me off,
SO I gave the ghost,
THE HORSE laugh,
AND SAID "Ed,
YOU FAT guys,
MAKE BUM ghosts,
BUT BEFORE you fade,
LEAVE WITH me one,
OF YOUR cigarettes,
THEY SATISFY."



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